



EI2439 Power System Protection 6.0 credits

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This is a translation of the Swedish, legally binding, course syllabus.

Establishment

The official course syllabus is valid from autumn semester 2026 as decided by the Director of First and Second Cycle Education. Decision date: 2026-04-16

Grading scale

A, B, C, D, E, FX, F

Education cycle

Second cycle

Main field of study

Electrical Engineering

Specific prerequisites

- Knowledge in power system components and substation design, 6 higher education credits, equivalent to completed course EI2436.
- Knowledge in analysis of electric power system, 6 higher education credits, equivalent to completed course EG2100.

Intended learning outcomes

After passing the course, the student shall be able to

- give an account of basic concepts in power system protection
- solve standard problems from the major part of the course content.

To obtain higher grades, the student shall be able to

- with progression in both completeness and width, make clear and justified assessments and calculations from all parts of the course content including problems that require synthesis from different parts of the course content and qualifying courses.

Course contents

- consequences of faults in components of electric power systems
- electric hazards to people and property
- overcurrent protection in low-voltage systems
- electric shock protection
- instrument transformers and other sensors
- different generations of protection relays
- system earthing and earth-faults in medium voltage distribution networks
- protection principles in distribution networks including time and overcurrent
- protection of transmission lines: differences from distribution
- differential protection and distance protection
- transformer faults and protection schemes
- generators and motors
- new challenges: sustainable development, new types of generator, DC-networks, higher speed, new algorithms, more communication

Examination

- PRO1 - Project Work, 3.0 credits, grading scale: P, F
- TEN1 - Written Examination, 3.0 credits, grading scale: A, B, C, D, E, FX, F

Based on recommendation from KTH's coordinator for disabilities, the examiner will decide how to adapt an examination for students with documented disability.

The examiner may apply another examination format when re-examining individual students.

If the course is discontinued, students may request to be examined during the following two academic years.

Ethical approach

- All members of a group are responsible for the group's work.

- In any assessment, every student shall honestly disclose any help received and sources used.
- In an oral assessment, every student shall be able to present and answer questions about the entire assignment and solution.